

Amendments to the Claims

1 1. (currently amended): A method of reducing drag of a fluid, comprising:
2 providing a fluid selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbons,
3 mixtures of hydrocarbons and water, and mixtures of hydrocarbons,
4 water and gas; and
5 adding to the fluid an amount from about 100 to about 1000 ppm of an
6 additive based on the total amount of fluid effective to reduce the drag
7 of the fluid, where the additive is selected from the group consisting of
8 fatty acids, alkoxylated derivatives of fatty acids, ~~organic and~~
9 ~~inorganic~~ halide salts of fatty acids and alkoxylated derivatives
10 thereof, and esters of fatty acids and alkoxylated derivatives thereof,
11 and mixtures thereof, in the absence of a polymeric drag reducing
12 additive.

2. (original): The method of claim 1 where the additive averages from about 4 to about 60 carbon atoms.

3. (original): The method of claim 1 where the additive is selected from the group consisting of tall oil derived dimer acid, tall oil derived trimer acid, and mixtures thereof.

4. (original): The method of claim 1 where the amount of additive based on the total amount of fluid ranges from about ~~400~~ 150 to 1000 ppm.

5. (original): The method of claim 1 further comprising adding more than one additive.

1 6. (currently amended): A method of reducing drag of a fluid, comprising:
2 providing a fluid selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbons,
3 mixtures of hydrocarbons and water, and mixtures of hydrocarbons,
4 water and gas; and
5 adding to the fluid from about ~~400~~ 150 to ~~4000~~ 600 ppm of an additive based
6 on the total amount of fluid, where the additive is selected from the
7 group consisting of fatty acids, alkoxylated derivatives of fatty acids,
8 ~~organic and inorganic~~ halide salts of fatty acids and alkoxylated
9 derivatives thereof, and esters of fatty acids and alkoxylated
10 derivatives thereof and mixtures thereof, and where the additive
11 averages from about 4 to about 60 carbon atoms in the absence of a
12 polymeric drag reducing additive.

7. (original): The method of claim 6 where the additive is selected from the group consisting of tall oil derived dimer acid, tall oil derived trimer acid, and mixtures thereof.

8. (original): The method of claim 6 further comprising adding more than one additive.

1 9. (currently amended): A reduced drag fluid, comprising:
2 a fluid selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbons, mixtures of
3 hydrocarbons and water, and mixtures of hydrocarbons, water and
4 gas; and
5 an amount from about 100 to about 1000 ppm of an additive effective to
6 reduce the drag based on the total amount of the fluid, where the
7 additive is selected from the group consisting of fatty acids,
8 alkoxylated derivatives of fatty acids, ~~organic and inorganic~~ halide
9 salts of fatty acids and alkoxylated derivatives thereof, and esters of
10 fatty acids and alkoxylated derivatives thereof, and mixtures thereof ,
11 in the absence of a polymeric drag reducing additive.

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10. (original): The reduced drag fluid of claim 9 where the additive averages from about 4 to about 60 carbon atoms.

11. (original): The reduced drag fluid of claim 9 where the additive is selected from the group consisting of tall oil derived dimer acid, tall oil derived trimer acid, and mixtures thereof.

12. (original): The reduced drag fluid of claim 9 where the amount of additive based on the total amount of fluid ranges from about ~~400~~ 150 to 1000 ppm.

13. (original): The reduced drag fluid of claim 9 further comprising more than one additive.

1 14. (currently amended): A reduced drag fluid, comprising:
2 a fluid selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbons, mixtures of
3 hydrocarbons and water, and mixtures of hydrocarbons, water and
4 gas; and
5 from about ~~400~~ 150 to ~~4000~~ 600 ppm of an additive based on the total
6 amount of fluid, where the additive is selected from the group
7 consisting of fatty acids, alkoxylated derivatives of fatty acids, ~~organic-~~
8 ~~and inorganic~~ halide salts of fatty acids and alkoxylated derivatives
9 thereof, and esters of fatty acids and alkoxylated derivatives thereof
10 and mixtures thereof, and where the additive averages from about 4
11 to about 60 carbon atoms, in the absence of a polymeric drag
12 reducing additive.

15. (original): The reduced drag fluid of claim 14 where the additive is selected from the group consisting of tall oil derived dimer acid, tall oil derived trimer acid, and mixtures thereof.

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16. (original): The reduced drag fluid of claim 14 further comprising more than one additive.